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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING  
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND  
METHODS TO MAKE SURFACE  
COVERINGS HAVING A NATURAL  
APPEARANCEAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action of July 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The period for response to the July 2, 2002 Office Action has been extended three months to January 2, 2003, by the Request and fee filed herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute amended claims 21, 24, and 30 for pending claim 21, 24, and 30, as follows:

21. (Twice Amended) A floor covering comprising:  
a chemically embossed portion; and

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